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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AORG, UNESCO, GR

SUBJECT: UNESCO DRAFT DECLARATION ON THE MASS MEDIA

REF: ATHENS 8709

1. WE ASKED THE MFA DIRECTOR FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS, AMBASSADOR DIMITRI PETROU, ON SEPTEMBER 22 WHETHER THE GOG HAD REACHED A DECISION CONCERNING THE POSITION IT WOULD TAKE ON THE ISSUE OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION AT THE UPCOMING GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO AT NAIROBI. PETROU INDICATED THAT THERE WAS NO GOG POSITION ON THE MATTER AS YET, ALTHOUGH IN PRINCIPLE THE GOG SHARED THE VIEW OF THE U.S. HE EXPRESSED PESSIMISM, HOWEVER, OVER THE PROSPECTS OF OUR BEING ABLE TO GAIN POSTPONEMENT OF CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION.

2. PETROU INDICATED THAT HE EXPECTS TO ATTEND THE GENERAL CONFERENCE "FOR A FEW DAYS" AND IF THIS ITEM COMES UP AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME WOULD BE PREPARED TO STAY ON IN NAIROBI FOR IT. HE ASKED WHETHER WE COULD GIVE HIM ANY INDICATION OF WHEN WE THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE. OTHERWISE, HE SAID, THE GREEK AMBASSADOR AT NAIROBI, DIMITRI MANOLATOS, WOULD REPRESENT GREECE AT THE CONFERENCE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED WHEN THE ISSUE OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION IS LIKELY TO COME UP AT NAIROBI IF WE ARE UNABLE TO GET ITS CONSIDERATION POSTPONED. IT CONTINUES TO BE OUR STRONG BELIEF THAT APPROACHES BY SOME OF OUR EC FRIENDS (E.G. THE FRENCH AND THE DUTCH) WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE ARE TO GET THE GREEKS TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS WE ARE MAKING IN THIS RESPECT.

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